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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/987,490 ) Group Art Unit: 1756  
Filed: November 15, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS :  
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Sir:

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